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APPLICANT: Hoffman et al.)
SERIAL No.: 09/924,862) ART UNIT
FILED: August 8, 2001) 1745
FOR: ELEMENT SLEEVE) EXAMINER:
Cantelmo, Gregg)

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
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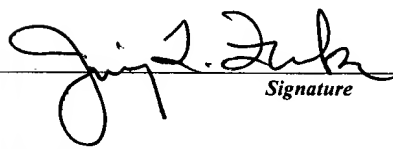
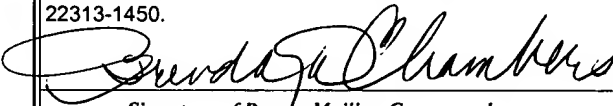
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Invention: ELEMENT SLEEVE					
					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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